

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates up in 120 counties from October 2008 to October 2009

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EDITOR'S NOTE: October's preliminary and September's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Oct09charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 25, 2009) — Unemployment rates rose in all 120 Kentucky counties between October 2008 and October 2009, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 7.8 percent. It was followed by Calloway County, 8 percent; Boyd County, 8.4 percent; Jessamine, Madison, Oldham, Rowan and Scott counties, 8.8 percent each; and Daviess and Woodford counties, 8.9 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 21.7 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 17.5 percent; Powell County, 17.1 percent; Grayson County, 16.5 percent; Metcalfe County, 15.8 percent; Trigg County, 15.3 percent; Cumberland County, 15.1 percent; Allen and Wolfe counties, 14.6 percent; and Lewis County, 14.5 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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